

THE ASSUMPTION CONNECTION

JUNE
2024



What's Happening

JUNE 2024

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2: Spring General Assembly

9: Coffee & Learn Session

1:00 PM

12: Parish Council Meeting

6:15 PM

22: Saturday of Souls Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM

23: Pentecost

30: Coffee & Learn Session

1:00 PM

JULY 2024

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9: Philoptochos Meeting

1:00 PM

10: Parish Council Meeting

6:15 PM

PROSPHORON SCHEDULE

JUNE	JULY
2 Backakes, Vicki	7 Birtsas, Sandra
9 Bakris, Dr. Nicholas	14 Bistolaridis, Antonios & Maria
16 Batsios, Eftyhia (Evangelos)	21 Bograkos, Timothy & Sandra
23 Batsios, Chris & Ashley	28 Bograkos, Vera
30 Batsios, Vasilios, & Maria	

Please make 3 loaves of Prospora and bring them to church by 9:00 am on the morning of the service. Be sure to include your lists of names, both living and deceased, to be read during the Proskimide (Preparation) Service: one list is for those who are living and the other for those who have fallen asleep in the name of the Lord. If you choose not to make Prospora, please send a check to the church for \$20 made payable to “Assumption Greek Orthodox Church” with a note stating it is for Prospora. Be sure to include your list of names. If you have questions, please contact the church office, 810-771-4611.

If you would like to add your name or the name of a family member to the prayer list, please contact the church office at 810-771-4611.

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. - James 5:16

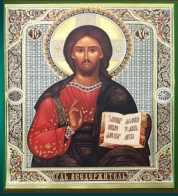
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Sandi Chinonis; Maria Chuleas; Sia Garceau, Stephanos Hatzigeorgiou & Family;
George Levas, Afroditi Marks; Sam Paraschos

SUNDAY READERS SCHEDULE

JUNE	JULY
2 John Kaloydis	7 John Costa
9 Marina Valentine	14 Agape Kallis
16 Cathy Yeotis	21 Nick Kallis
23 Dena Altheide	28 John Kaloydis
30 Debra Chinonis	

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, please contact the church office, 810-771-4611 so we can find a replacement. Thank you!



FROM FATHER PETER

JUNE 2024

FINDING FOCUS

CHRIST IS RISEN!

But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said “Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore, tell her to help me.”

And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen the good part, which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:41-43 NRSV)

So far this year, we have had fairly good participation in our stewardship program compared to the last two or three – and we have many names on our membership list. On top of this, we have a solid (but small) core of dedicated parishioners whose volunteering help keep everything going.

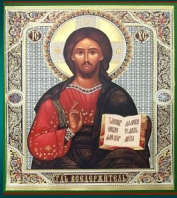
It is disturbing to note, however, the number of people – even though they provide financial support to our parish and are “nominal” members (for which we are grateful, without doubt) – who are not engaged in any way in the life of our parish.

Most importantly for me, I see this in the attendance at our services – not just Sunday liturgy but other services as well – a lack of attendance on the part of some – not all – of our people. This appears to me also in the Pan-Orthodox services which take place among the Orthodox communities of the county, where participation of our own faithful, even in those services which take place at Assumption, is lacking.

Undoubtedly, there are many reasons why this is. Some of you parishioners are old or ill, mobility impaired, and attendance is a problem. Some of you travel or leave the area for extended periods during the year, some of you visit family. And, of course, different things happen in life, and those events may conflict with services.

But then we have a sizeable portion of you who see attendance at church services as a “non-essential” (the pandemic lockdown of 2020 certainly reinforced this idea). Some of you have stopped coming a long time ago because of some negative experience. And a good amount of you who would rather do something else with their time.

Whether it’s a deliberate choice, apathy, interpersonal conflict, or whatever creative reason you want to give for not making yourselves present in the Lord’s house, it seems that it can be explained by one word – distraction.



FROM FATHER PETER

Look at the reading from the Gospel of Luke about the story of Martha and Mary (above). Christ had to address this same issue: Mary “sat at Jesus’ feet, and heard his word”, while Martha “was distracted with much serving”.

Distracted. Distraction. To divert one’s attention. To lose one’s focus.

WHAT SHOULD YOUR FOCUS BE?

Despite Martha’s pleading with the Lord to tell her sister Mary to help her with the serving, she didn’t get the response she asked for and wanted – she got the response she needed. While acknowledging Martha’s efforts in getting work done, it was the distraction from His teaching that Christ was concerned with.

Mary chose “the good part”. Christ points this out to Martha, because this is how she will regain her focus on what’s important. This is the question I pose to you: is Christ your focus? And, what – good or bad - takes your focus away?

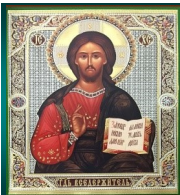
The starting point of “the good part” is the Divine Liturgy. There are two parts to this – the hearing of the Gospel and its proclamation (sermon) which provides each of us with wisdom and understanding to cope with what life will bring our way, and Holy Communion – receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, Who becomes part of us, and we become part of Him.

For all of you – there is no admission fee, no other expectation of you except to attend as often as you can, and in a timely manner to receive the full advantage of the entire Liturgy.

For those of you who don’t attend, how often do you think you can do this? Weekly is ideal, but any attendance is a start. Is once a month too much to ask? Once every six weeks? It is about resisting the distractions, no matter what they may be, that take you away from Christ. The door to the church is open. Christ calls to you. Christ waits for you.

In the risen Christ

+Fr. Peter



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Dear Parishioners of Assumption,

Christos Anesti!!!

Summer is fastly approaching, time for fun, relaxation, & enjoying the abundant rays of sunshine.

Following a very busy Easter celebration, many thanks to the ladies for decorating the Kouvouklion - absolutely stunning as always - the dying of the eggs, the baking of the Easter tsoureki bread, attending the special services during Holy Week has certainly been a very busy time. Also, a very special thanks to John Hountalas for staining the long overdue Kouvouklion, amazingly beautiful. To Ann Lowe, a thank you for the beautiful flowered urns that give a special & welcoming touch to the church entries.

The two previously planned fundraisers that of the “Knuckle Head Band” & the “Taste of Greece” have been cancelled. John & I have simply “run out of gas”. It takes a colossal effort not by just a few people, but by a majority to prepare, help is needed & most importantly support from each one of us.

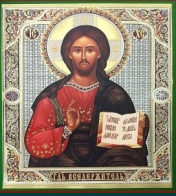
Hoping to see you all attend church service during the “slow” season. Our commitment to our Saviour should not be limited by the seasons.

Happy Father’s Day to all those who are celebrating a special person in their lives. Wishing all Dads the very best.

Warmest wishes for an enjoyable summer!

Susan Kallis

Parish Council President



FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

OPERATING INCOME APRIL 2024

MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORT

OPERATING EXPENSES APRIL 2024

CATEGORY	Mar	April	YEAR TO DATE	CATEGORY	Mar	April	YEAR TO DATE
Stewardship	\$ 13,562.00	\$ 7,907.00	\$ 70,386.00	Operating Expenses	\$ 16,049.18	\$ 14,634.67	\$ 70,566.85
Trays and Candles	\$ 962.00	\$ 847.00	\$ 3,379.00	Youth Ministry Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Memorial Income	\$ 1,230.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 7,050.00	Miscellaneous Expenses*	\$ 4,713.84	\$ 2,717.00	\$ 11,479.28
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,668.91	\$ 3,936.55	Maintenance Expenses	\$ 26.39	\$ -	\$ 898.33
Fish Fry - Lent Income	\$ 28,800.25	\$ -	\$ 47,130.00	Fish Fry - Lent Expenses	\$ 11,916.68	\$ 840.00	\$ 22,818.86
Fish Fry - Fall Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Fish Fry - Fall Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 630.00
Other Fundraising Income	\$ -	\$ 230.00	\$ 310.00	Other Fundraising Expenses	\$ -	\$ 147.36	\$ 147.36

* Miscellaneous Expenses include Office, Janitorial, Altar and Kitchen supplies, and other expenses not included in other categories.

2024 Total Operating Income	\$ 44,804.25	\$ 11,032.91	\$ 132,191.55	2024 total Operating Expenses	\$ 32,706.09	\$ 18,339.03	\$ 106,540.68
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Month:				(7,306.12)			
Total Operating Income (Loss) for Year:				26,650.87			

OTHER INCOME APRIL 2024

CATEGORY	MAR	APR	YEAR TO DATE	CATEGORY	MAR	APR	YEAR TO DATE
Iconography Donations	\$ 300.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00	Iconography Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Church Memorial Fund Donations	\$ 4,095.00	\$ 1,256.00	\$ 10,728.00	Transfer to Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Parking Lot Donations	\$ 4,272.00	\$ 659.00	\$ 7,130.00	Church Memorial Fund Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Contributions for Altar Items	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	Transfer to Church Memorial Fund Investment Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Fundraising Contributions	\$ -	\$ 2,680.00	\$ 2,680.00				

ACCOUNT BALANCES AS OF APRIL 29, 2024

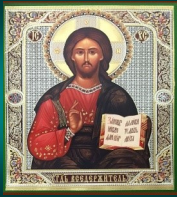
General Checking	\$ 117,857.25	Savings Account Balance consisting of:	\$ 32,877.52
Holding Account consisting of:		Church Memorial Fund - Bank Savings Account	\$ 17,074.45
Altar Items - Cloths	\$ 5,459.76	Iconography Bank Savings Account	\$ 3,436.95
Altar Items - Special Tray - trfd 3/18/24	\$ -	Parking Lot - Bank Savings Account	\$ 12,366.12
Easter Items	\$ 2,935.00	Iconography/Parking Lot Investment Account***	\$ 32,877.52
Emergency Funds	\$ 3,000.00	Church Memorial Fund - Investment Acct	\$ 66,095.55
Golf Outing	\$ 2,000.00	*** Iconography Investment Acct includes \$35,000 for Parking Lot	\$ 199,003.53
Hall Rental	\$ 400.00		
Youth Ministry	\$ 1,012.27	Property Improvement Savings	\$ 2,510.71

The GENERAL CHECKING ACCOUNT HOLDS our operating income we receive each month including stewardship, trays and candles, and other donations. Paid out of this account are the operating expenses each month.

The HOLDING ACCOUNT is used to hold income from fundraising events (such as Cash Raffle, Golf Outing, Super Draw, and other fundraisers), Youth Ministry funds, monies donated for Easter Items and Altar Items (i.e., any donations for a specific purpose where funds will not be released or used right away).

We currently have 2 Savings accounts for designated purposes. The first one is used for Iconography, Parking Lot Donations, and Church Memorial Fund donations. The second one is for Property Improvement. We also have two Investment Accounts - one for the Church Memorial Fund and one for Iconography and Parking Lot.

Any questions regarding the Monthly Treasurer's Report should be directed to the Parish Council President, Treasurer, or Co-Treasurer.



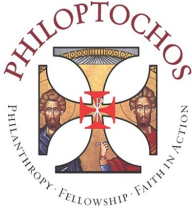
FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

HAPPIEST OF BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ALL OF OUR JUNE BIRTHDAY'S

Eleni Kosmanopoulos	June 4th	Kenneth Richards	June 17th
Agape Kallis	June 5th	Martha Poulos	June 19th
Anthony Pappadakis	June 8th	Brianna Braun	June 22nd
Georgie Lamberson-Allard	June 8th	Christina Kosmanopoulos	June 23rd
Peter Karakitsos	June 11th	Ilianna Panos	June 23rd
Kandis Pappadakis	June 11th	John Kaloydis	June 25th
Sophia Naum	June 12th	Lori Photiou	June 29th
Louise Karatza	June 13th	Brittany Hountalas	June 30th
Taso Pagonis	June 14th		

If you see that we have missed someone, we ask that you please let us know so we can update our records.





Philoptochos Society - Friends of the Poor!

Dear Sisters:

Christos Anesti! I believe we are still able to say that for the next few days. The services were beautiful and gave us all time to reflect on this holiest of church holidays. The ladies were busy dying the eggs and decorating the Epitaphio. It was truly beautiful with the new changes suggested by Dena Altheide. Thank you to those who helped with those two projects.

April was a busy month for our chapter. Our loukoumathes sale was a success. Everyone enjoyed them very much and thank you to the ladies who helped make and serve those. Our next project was baking Tsoureki and once again, Assumption ladies came through like they also do. Six batches were made and gone in a short period of time. Another big THANK YOU to those ladies.

I have almost completed my first year as Philoptochos President and I can honestly say, it has been a challenge. If it not for my wonderful Executive Board who came through every time, I would truly be discouraged. We sat together last summer and made up an agenda of different activities that would (we hoped) appeal to our members and encourage them to once again become more involved. I understand that meetings can be boring and we are trying to make them more interesting and shorter. And there is no question that when we have a baking project, our members are there for us. However, when it comes to attending a meeting, we just don't have the same enthusiasm. And it's not just the meeting, but the activities also. So if there are different things you would like to see us do, please suggest them to us. We need your input and look forward to hearing from you.

Olga Steinhoff
President

STEWARDSHIP 2024

THANK YOU to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for 2024. Please join them in their support of our Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and submit your pledge card today!

Bistolarides, Rev. Fr. Peter & Pres. Peggy	Ferich, Andrew & Voula
Allard, Clyde & Georgia	Foraker, Walter & Diane
Altheide, Dena	Garceau, Greg & Sia
Anagnostopoulos, Nick & Anna	Hagler, Anna
Artemas, Rev. Fr. John	Hagler, Gary & Marian
Asa, Darwin & Barb	Heos, Pamela & Brancheau, Jeffrey
Bakris, Dr. Nicholas	Holland, Nick & Jennifer
Batsios, Eftyhia (Evangelos)	Hountalas Family
Batsios, Vasilios & Maria	Iakovidis, Tony & Vicki
Birtsas, Sandra	Joseph, Patricia
Bistolaridis, Tony & Maria	Joynt, Kenneth
Bograkos, Tim & Sandy	Joynt, Sadie
Bograkos, Vera	Kalatzis, Athena
Brown Jr, Andrew	Kallis, Agape
Chiavaras, Lucille	Kallis, George & Shannon
Chinonis, Dennis & Debra	Kallis, Nick
Chinonis, Elias	Kallis, Penelope
Chinonis, Katie	Kallis, Susan
Chinonis, Linda	Kaloydis, John & Karen
Chinonis, Nancy & Lauster, Jeffrey	Kapellas, Katina †
Chinonis, Richard	Kitsonas, William
Christakis, Christos & Elpida	Kokkinokos, Peter & Panagiota
Christopher, Jim & Liz	Komodromos, Tessie
Clinton, Mike & Kathy	Kondyles, Chryssoula
Costa, John & Laura	Kontorousis, Dimitri & Jacqueline
Costa, Kyriacos & Vasilia	Kossaras, Dean & Joyce
Dalbo, Helen	Kottalis, Mary
Davis-Kirksey, Steve & Linda	Koutrouvidas, John & Nina
Drolet, Mark & Penelopi	Kus, Michael & Alexis
Duffy, David & Elaine Joynt	Levas, George & Margot
Eisenbeis, Jerry	Lillar, Diana
Fahoome, Thomas & Calliope	Livaditis, Nick & Evie
Falaras, Mary	Lowe, Ann

STEWARDSHIP 2024

THANK YOU to the following faithful stewards who have submitted their pledge cards for 2024. Please join them in their support of our Assumption Greek Orthodox Church and submit your pledge card today!

Mandelaris, John & Pauline

Manutes, Nicholas & Maria

Margaritis, Sofia

Marks, Jean

Martorelli, Sophia

McLean, Mary Ellen

Melonakos, Anthony & Paula

Michaelou, Sevasti

Neofostistos, John & Julie

Nitsos, George & Candy

Nitsos, MaryAnn

Panos, Spiridoula

Pappadakis, Anthony & Kandis

Pappadakis, Nikki

Pappas, Dean & Elaine

Paraschos, Sam & Sandra

Pavlis, John & Pat

Peters, Jeff & Maria

Photiou, Carol

Photiou, Lucas & Lori

Politis, Rita

Poulos, Steve & Martha

Richards, Kenneth & Kathy

Rivette, Matthew & Lori

Roufos, Vasilios & Mary

Schultze, JoAnne

Senter, Clark & Katherine

Sirakis, Kostas & Sofia

Sirakis, Paraskevas & Athena

Steinhoff, Allen & Olga

Steinhoff, Amanda

Steinhoff, Dr. Stephanie

Stergiopoulos, Mary

Stone, Paula

Thornton, Jerry & Demi

Thurber, Chuck & Paula

Thurkill, Stella

Trifon, Nicholas

Valentine, Marina

Vergos, Peter & Susie

Vitinaros, Effie & Nick

Walker, Bruce & Kathy

Wright, Jeff & Kay

Yeotis, Art & Susan

Yeotis, Catherine

Yeotis, Dean & Lynda

Yeotis, Hon. Tom & Meg

Yiannatji, Frank

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



APPLY NOW

FAITH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

DEADLINE: JUNE 28TH, 2024

This merit-based scholarship program aims to support the best and brightest graduating high school seniors in the Hellenic-American Greek Orthodox community who are enrolling in a 4-year accredited U.S. university this fall. Scholarships are awarded on a merit basis with applicants given the option to be considered for additional financial need-based allocations.

For full application details and to apply now, visit thefaithendowment.org/scholarships or scan:



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Founded in 2004 by a group of visionary Greek American leaders and philanthropists, *FAITH: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism* is an independent 501(c)(3) organization that supports the development of innovative educational, cultural, and scholarship programs that promote Hellenism, an understanding of the Greek Orthodox faith, and the relationship of the two to America's history and multicultural landscape for young people.

FAITH has proudly awarded over 2,000 grants and scholarships to our community's brightest young leaders.

For questions, contact: info@thefaithendowment.org • (212) 803-9363 • facebook.com/faithendowment



YA'SSOO GREEK FESTIVAL OF ANN ARBOR JUNE 7-9, 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME! BE GREEK FOR A WEEKEND!

FRI, JUNE 7
11am-midnight

SAT, JUNE 8
11am-midnight

SUN, JUNE 9
12pm-5pm

\$5 CASH ADMISSION AFTER 4pm FRIDAY

Free admission for children 12 & under

Percentage of proceeds donated to Robert J. Delonis Center

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church
3109 Scio Church Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103

FREE Parking & Shuttle from Knox Presbyterian Church

DAILY RAFFLE PRIZES

First Prize: Trip for two to Greece!

- Classic Greek Cuisine and Homemade Pastries •
- Live Music by ENIGMA and Dance Performances •
- Church Tours and Byzantine Iconography •
- Agora Marketplace and Bookstore •



Visit our Website for More Information:

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2024 HOLY WEEK
LAZARUS SATURDAY & PALM SUNDAY





2024 HOLY WEEK
BRIDEGROOM SERVICES
METROPOLITAN NICHOLAS VISIT





HOLY WEDNESDAY



HOLY THURSDAY





GOOD FRIDAY





AGAPE VESPERS





DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE
ANNUAL SALAD LUNCHEON
May 16, 2024





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May 16, 2024



“Do you understand?”
“How can I unless someone guides me?”
-Acts 30-31

REVISED SCHEDULE

STARTING SUNDAY JANUARY 28, 2024

1 – 2 PM – AFTER DIVINE LITURGY

(**1:30 pm start on these dates)

“COFFEE AND LEARNING” EDUCATION SESSIONS

TEACHING, DISCUSSION AND CONVERSATIONS

LOCATION – FELLOWSHIP HALL – OPEN TO ALL AGES

ESSENTIALS OF THE ORTHODOX FAITH

January 28 – Introduction
Who are we? Why are we different?

February 25 – The Creed
Foundation of the Faith

April 21 – Services and Sacraments
What makes a service a sacrament?

May 19 (NEW DATE) – The Divine Liturgy
Part I – The Liturgy of the Word

June 30 – The Divine Liturgy
Part II – The Liturgy of the Faithful

SCRIPTURE IN ORTHODOX TRADITION

**February 11 – Introduction
The Bible – where did it come from?

March 17 (NEW DATE) – The Old Testament
Its role in the Orthodox Church

April 7 – The New Testament
Christ and the Church’s Life and Teaching

May 12 – Acts
Pentecost and early Church history

June 9 – Epistles
The Apostles’ Teaching and Counsels

You are welcome to attend any session, but if interested – please provide your name and an email to the church office or Fr. Peter (frpeteragocgrandblanc@gmail.com) for planning purposes

Reading and reference will be:

“The Orthodox Church” by Timothy Ware and The Orthodox Study Bible

SAVE THE DATE



METROPOLIS
OF DETROIT

25th Anniversary Enthronement Banquet

CELEBRATING
HIS EMINENCE
METROPOLITAN

Nicholas
OF DETROIT

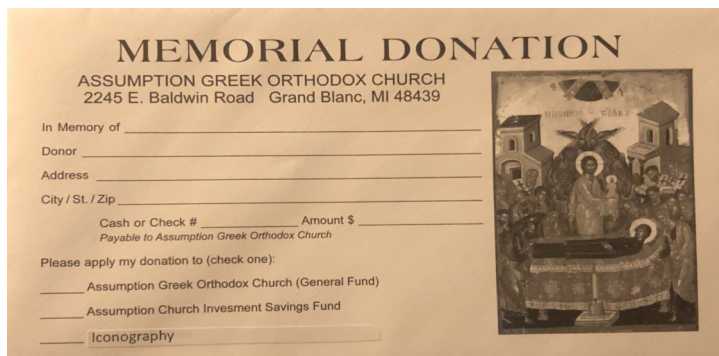
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024

STS. CONSTANTINE AND HELEN CHURCH
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MEMORIAL DONATIONS

“Donations made at an Orthodox Funeral service in memory of the departed are typically collected by the church, which then presents the names and final donation amount to the designated surviving family member. Any memorial donation checks not marked “*Assumption Church*” will be distributed for the purpose indicated on the check.



MEMORIAL DONATION
ASSUMPTION GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
2245 E. Baldwin Road Grand Blanc, MI 48439

In Memory of _____
Donor _____
Address _____
City / St. / Zip _____
Cash or Check # _____ Amount \$ _____
Payable to Assumption Greek Orthodox Church
Please apply my donation to (check one):
 Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (General Fund)
 Assumption Church Investment Savings Fund
 Iconography



MEMORIAL SERVICES

Scheduling of Memorial Services

All Memorial Services must be **scheduled through the church office** so that they may be placed on the church calendar.

Koliva

If anyone is in need of Koliva, please contact the church office (810-771-4611) for the names of those available to make it. The standard rate is \$150. **It is the responsibility of the family to arrange for Koliva.**

ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY

The current approved policy for Parishioner Status of the Assumption Greek Orthodox Church (AGOC) of Grand Blanc, Michigan is as follows:

Parishioner - Person Baptized and Chrismated according the rites of the Orthodox Church and attending the AGOC.

Parishioner - Member in Good Standing:

- Person in compliance with Section 1 and 2 of Article 18 of the Uniform Parish Regulations of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese.
- Person with an AGOC pledge card on file with a minimum pledge of \$600 per family or \$350 per single and current in pledges for active and preceding year.

In-Active Parishioner - Person not in compliance with requirements for Parishioner or Member in Good Standing as defined above.

Parishioners and In-Active Parishioners can receive all sacraments at AGOC but are required to pay church usage fee.

Any deviations from this policy must be approved by the Parish Priest and Parish Council President and must be presented to them at least one month prior to the proposed sacrament date.

Stewardship Policy - Only cash, check or credit card can be accepted as payment of stewardship. Donations of items or services cannot be accepted for stewardship in lieu of monetary payment.

CHURCH USAGE/HALL RENTAL FEES

(Approved by Parish Council Effective December 4, 2022)

For the Sacraments of Holy Marriage and Holy Baptism

There is no charge for Funeral or Memorial Services.

CHURCH USAGE FEE

<p>Member in good standing of AGOC-Grand Blanc: Person with an AGOC pledge card on file with a minimum pledge of \$600 per family or \$350 per single and current in pledges for active and preceding year</p>	<p>Inactive Parishioner/Non-Member at AGOC-Grand Blanc: See ASSUMPTION GOC MEMBER POLICY on previous page.</p>
<p>No fee for use of the church for sacraments.</p>	<p>\$750 fee for use of the church for Sacraments</p>

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HALL RENTAL FEES

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<p>Friday-Saturday Hall Rental: Flat fee of \$600 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up) If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$50 (cannot bring own dishwasher)</p>	<p>Flat fee of \$1,100 for Hall Rental (includes clean-up) If church dishes are used, dishwasher will be supplied at a cost of \$50. (cannot bring own dishwasher)</p>
<p>Sunday - Thursday Hall Rental: \$300 minimum for 3 hours - \$100 each additional hour up to a maximum of \$600. Renter is responsible for hall clean-up. No kitchen usage.</p>	

2024 List of Donors



FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS



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FRIENDS OF THE METROPOLIS 2024 CONTRIBUTIONS (JANUARY 1 - MARCH 31)

- Chinonis, Linda
- Dalbo, Helen

Thank you!

*Updated monthly from
<https://www.detroit.goarch.org/2024-donors.html>

PROCEDURE FOR RECEIPTS

Due to the rising cost of mailing receipts for every donation received by the church, the Parish Council has established the following procedure for receipts:

When you mail in a donation to the church, or drop it off in the office, a receipt will not be mailed or given to parishioners of Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. Your cancelled check can be used as proof of your payment, as well as the contribution statement you receive from the church at the end of the year. This includes donations for stewardship, iconography, cash raffle, golf outing, memorials, miscellaneous, etc. For credit card charges, please allow 24 hours to process your payment.

If you require a receipt, please contact the church office or see a Parish Council member on Sunday's. Receipts will continue to be mailed to non-parishioners.

PARKING LOT PLEDGE

For the last few years, a volunteer group has been sealing the parking lot during the summer months to help extend the life of our parking lot. In the next few years we will need to completely replace our parking lot. We are looking to start the fundraising for this very large project now in order to have the funds collected and ready when it comes times to pay for it. The anticipated cost for this project is upwards of \$300,000. Please faithfully pledge to assist our church in maintaining our beautiful property.

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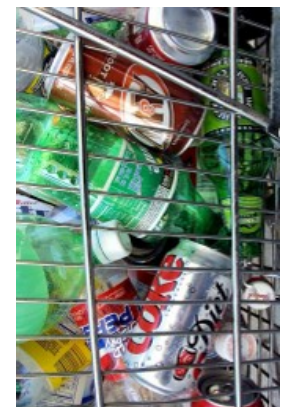
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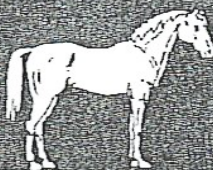
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